

Committee of Physical Therapy Minutes

Date: August 19, 2005

Time: 12:20 p.m.

Location: Tennessee Conference Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr., Chair
Blake Murphy
Brigina Wilkerson
Teresa B. Johnston, Interim Secretary

Members Absent: Robbie Bell, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mary V. Webb, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Rainey Irwin, Litigating Attorney
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager
Lea Ann Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator

Guest (s) Mike Harkreader, Representative of TNPAP
Will Shipley, LPTA
Cathy Hinton, Representative of TPTA
Pam White, Representative of TPTA

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr.

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney, advised the Committee of the Conflict of Interest policy and for anyone who had not signed a form to please do so.

Ms. Armstrong, reported that there are currently two open cases pertaining to the Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiners. One case involves a Physical Therapist Assistant and one case involves an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

Rainey Irwin, Litigating Attorney for the Office of General Counsel, presented the Committee with a consent order on Michelle Bledsoe, PTA for revocation of respondents license for a period of two years, for failure to adhere to the standards of ethics of the physical therapy profession. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the consent order. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations

Disciplinary Report – Lea Phelps reported that there is currently one physical therapist assistant and three physical therapists being monitored.

Investigative Report – There are currently seven open complaints in the office of investigations.

Discussion

Ms. Armstrong explained to the committee that licensees who are not given a full two year license will be excluded from an audit and will not need to show competency requirements until their next renewal period.

Ms. Kaveana Lewis submitted a letter to the board inquiring whether or not a family member can participate in an exercise program if there is a release form from the doctor of the patient. Ms. Armstrong said that the board does not give legal advice and she will send Ms. Lewis a letter to consult with an attorney of her choosing for clarification.

Mr. Shipley appeared before the board to request that the committee consider allowing physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to advertise massage therapy techniques even if they are not a licensed massage therapist. Ms. Armstrong explained to Mr. Shipley that the board could not give legal advice and that he would need to consult with an attorney of his own choosing.

Amala Joshi submitted a letter to the board to request comparison of the FCCPT type1 certificate vs. the I.E.R.F. certificate. Ms. Armstrong will send Ms. Joshi an invitation to appear before the November 18, 2005 board meeting to express her concerns.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve Ms. Marva Swann and Dr. J. Randy Walker to attend the annual FSBPT conference to be held in Texas in September. The motion carried.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews

Amberly Leslie – No action taken on file until requested information is received.

Jeremiah Wakefield - A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Johnston to approve Mr. Wakefield to take the PT exam. The motion carried.

Valerie Barnes – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve Ms. Barnes to take the PTA exam with special conditions. The motion carried.

James Matassa – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to delay the application of Mr. Matassa until he has met special conditions to be submitted in a letter from Ms. Nicole Armstrong. The motion carried.

Nathan Hood - A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Mr. Hood to take the PT examination. The motion carried.

Elizabeth Shaffer – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve Ms. Shaffer to take the PT examination. The motion carried.

Amber Mueller – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to delay the application of Ms. Mueller until more information is received. Ms. Armstrong will send letter to Ms. Mueller explaining what other information is needed. The motion carried.

Brian Puckett - A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Mr. Puckett for a full license. The motion carried.

Leah Bengco - A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve Ms. Bengco for a full license. The motion carried.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2005 board meeting as amended. The motion carried.

Legislation

Jerry Kosten, Rules Regulations Manager presented the Committee with a rulemaking hearing to be held on October 27, 2005 regarding the following:

- A. PT/PTA applicants take the ethics and jurisprudence course before licensure
- B. Advertising

A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to defer the rulemaking hearing and to sunshine it for the November board meeting. The motion carried.

TNPAP – Mr. Harkreader from the Tn Professional Assistance Program, reported that there are currently three Physical Therapist Assistants being monitored by their program. Mr. Harkreader wanted to let the licensing board know that TNPAP has an outreach program and his staff will go to schools and give lectures and seminars to new graduates.

Remediation

Dykeshia Weston – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation plan submitted by Ms. Weston. The motion carried.

Stephanie Hurst – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan submitted by Ms. Hurst. The motion carried.

Jemel Lasig – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation plan submitted by Mr. Lasig. The motion carried.

Leslie Vanvlack – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to deny the remediation submitted by Mr. Vanvlack because the remediation did not establish a course of study that identified why Mr. Vanvlack had three exam failures. The motion carried.

Katrina Aldridge – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation submitted by Ms. Wilkerson. The motion carried.

Shirley Brown - A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation submitted by Ms. Brown. The motion carried.

Lindsey Wilson – A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation as submitted by Ms. Wilson. The motion carried.

Manuel Wilfred – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan submitted by Mr. Wilfred. The motion carried.

Barton Knox – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve the remediation plan submitted by Mr. Knox once proof of completion of twenty hours of supervised training with a licensed physical therapist is received. The motion carried.

Brandi McKinney – A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation that was submitted by Ms. KcKinney. The motion carried.

Chrissy Marter – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation that was submitted by Ms. Marter. The motion carried.

Martin Allison - A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Mr. Allison. The motion carried.

Gloria Walker - A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Walker. The motion carried.

Cheryl Border – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the remediation that was submitted by Ms. Border. The motion carried.

Credential Review

Royln Cezar – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the credential evaluation as submitted by FCCPT and allow Ms. Cezar to complete the 480 hour clinical internship. The motion carried.

Aimme Gagarra – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the credential evaluation as submitted by FCCPT and allow Ms. Gagarra to take the PT examination. The motion carried.

Eric Collado – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the credential evaluation as submitted by FCCPT and allow Mr. Collado to sit for the PT examination. The motion carried.

Mary Ann Krienkenbeek - A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the credential evaluation submitted by FCCPT and to allow Ms. Kriekenbeek to complete the 480 hour clinical internship. The motion carried.

Janette Fuerte - A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to accept the credential evaluation as submitted by FCCPT and allow Ms. Fuerte to sit for the PT examination. The motion carried.

Tahir Bari – A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to deny the application for Mr. Bari until a credential evaluation from FCCPT is submitted meeting the educational requirements for a foreign trained therapist. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Ms. Webb reported that as of July, 2005 for Physical Therapists there were 3622 active licenses, 816 retired licenses, 1880 failed to renew licenses. For that same period for physical therapist assistants there were 2025 active licenses, 271 retired licenses, and 454 failed to renew licenses.

Financial Report

Ms. Webb presented the financial report which indicated that the Committee had a cumulative projected surplus as of June 30, 2005 of \$ 1, 241,510.66.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve the newly licensed and reinstatements. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Teresa B. Johnston, Interim Secretary